

Table 15. Reasons for working in alternative or temporary work arrangements for doctoral scientists and engineers, by sex: 1997

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Reasons	Total	Sex	
		Male	Female
Total working in alternative/temporary arrangement (number).....	79,900	56,900	23,000
		Percent	
Schedule flexibility.....	17	15	19
Only type of work found.....	9	9	8
To gain experience that might lead to a permanent job.....	3	3	S
Better pay.....	12	13	10
Family-related reason (e.g., children, spouse's job moved).....	7	3	16
In school or some type of training program.....	S	S	S
Enjoy being own boss.....	24	26	22
Employer changed status to temporary.....	S	S	S
Other reason.....	27	29	21

KEY: S = Suppressed due to too few cases (fewer than 1,000 weighted cases).

NOTES: Numbers are rounded to nearest hundred. Percents are rounded to the whole number. Details may not add to total because of rounding and because multiple answers were allowed. Survey of Doctorate Recipients includes persons who had earned a research doctorate from an U.S. institution and resided in U.S. as of April 1997.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation/Division of Science Resources Statistics, 1997 Survey of Doctorate Recipients